

2.4 Probation Officers. The judge may appoint one or more probation officers whose powers and duties shall be as stated in O.C.G.A. §15-11-24.2, or the judge may designate a court service worker of the Department of Juvenile Justice to perform the duties of a probation officer. Probation officers' salaries shall be fixed by the judge with the approval of the governing authority of the county or counties for which they are appointed unless a court service worker fills this position in which case compensation will be fixed by the State. Probation officers shall be given an appropriate oath of office.

A probation or non-judicial intake officer shall not conduct an accusatory proceeding against any child. For purposes of this rule, an accusatory proceeding is any hearing or court proceeding in which the child stands accused of violating the law or an order of the court and is subject to court sanctions as a result thereof. Probation or non-judicial intake officers shall not participate in such a proceeding either as the trier of facts or in a prosecutorial role, but may give testimony as to any violation of a valid order of probation or supervision of which he or she has personal knowledge.